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ANNUAL REAL ESTATE TAXATION JUDGE'S LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 19TH

CHICAGO, ILL. (November 5, 2012) -- Presiding Judge of the County Division, Hon. Edmund Ponce de León, will keynote the 23rd annual Judges Luncheon of the Chicago Bar Association's Real Estate Taxation Committee on Monday, November 19 at the Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago. The event, which honors judges presiding in real estate tax matters in the Cook County Circuit Court, begins with an 11:30 a.m. reception followed by the luncheon at 12:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$55 per person and must be ordered by Wednesday, November 14. To reserve, contact Tamra Drees at tdrees@chicagobar.org or 312-554-2057. No payments will be accepted at the door on the day of the luncheon.

About Judge Edmund Ponce de León

Judge Edmund Ponce de León is a former police officer who became the first Hispanic ever appointed a presiding judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County. First elected to the Circuit Court bench in 1996, he began in the Domestic Relations Division then was appointed to the Law Division before being named Presiding Judge of the 4th Municipal District in Maywood in 2002. In 2010, he became the Presiding Judge of the County Division.

Before his election to the bench, he practiced commercial litigation and bankruptcy law for 12 years. He is a 1984 graduate of John Marshall Law School, Chicago.

Actively involved in the community he has lent time and talent to many initiatives including the ASPIRA Mentoring Program for Teenagers and Adults, the Roberto Clemente High School Youth Motivation Program, and various substance abuse and domestic violence programs. The Judge has been recognized by the Illinois State Senate for his volunteer work with the Citizen Workshop Project.

“We are very much looking forward to honoring Judge Ponce de León as keynote speaker,” said Real Estate Taxation Committee Chair Mindy S. Salyer, Salyer Law Offices. “As presiding Judge of the County Division, Judge Ponce de León brings an invaluable perspective on current real estate tax matters and to the law in general.”

The other 2012 honorees are:

Hon. William D. Maddux
Hon. Mark J. Ballard
Hon. Alexander P. White
Hon. Susan Fox Gillis
Hon. Elmer J. Tolmaire, III
Hon. James A. Zafiratos
Hon. Margaret A. Brennan
Hon. Paul A. Karkula
Hon. Robert Cepero Lopez
Hon. Robert W. Bertucci
Hon. Daniel T. Gillespie
Hon. LaGuina Clay-Herron
Hon. Maureen Ward Kirby
Hon. Alfred J. Paul

The 23rd annual Judges Luncheon has been coordinated by Real Estate Taxation Committee Vice Chair, Lynette Lockwitz, Reiter Law Offices and Tamra Drees, Events Coordinator, Chicago Bar Association.